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WBZ-TV Boston

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Attached are listings of broadcasts or broadcast segments, which, in the station's judgment, reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

WBZ-TV broadcasts both locally produced and network programming. Although we include primarily local programs herein, WBZ-TV broadcasts several network programs, including Face The Nation, 60 Minutes, and 48 Hours, which we believe also serve community needs and interests.

PROGRAM INDEX

I-Team Reports – Reporters Karen Anderson and Joe Shortleeve provide an investigative look at major institutions and events within the viewing area. Issues related to government, politics, business, finance, corruption, and crime are explored in-depth during the station's newscasts. Duration: range from two minutes to four minutes. Air: Monday - Friday, 6pm and 11pm.

Healthwatch – Medical reports on recent developments and potential treatments in medicine. Duration: one minute and thirty seconds. Air: Monday - Friday, 5pm and 6pm.

“Centro” – Regularly scheduled news interview broadcast segment providing an in-depth exploration of issues concerning the Latino community with host Yadires Nova-Salcedo. Duration: four minutes and thirty seconds. Air: Saturday, 7:50am.

Keller At Large – Political Analyst Jon Keller interviews local politicians and community leaders to create dialogue about current events and issues of importance to New England citizens. Duration: eight minutes. Air: Sunday, 8:45am.

"Wednesday's Child" - News anchor Jack Williams is successfully increasing public awareness of the needs of children waiting for adoptive families. These children are primarily school-aged children, children of color of all ages, sibling groups and children who face intellectual, physical or emotional challenges. Duration: 2-3 minutes. Air: Wednesday, 6pm.

"What's in Our Community" – A 4-minute feature segment that airs within the 30-minute "What's in Store" program. "What's in Store" is a half hour program that highlights businesses and entrepreneurs in the region and airs some Saturdays at 11:35pm or Sundays at 11am. The "What's in Our Community" piece features the outstanding work of a local charity and/or community outreach organization. Duration: 4-minutes within thirty-minute program.

I-Team

1/3/13: The I-Team reports Governor Patrick has not ruled out an income tax rate increase to pay for the approximately \$1 billion in transportation problems. Additionally, the I-Team reports public employees in dozens of towns across the state have been ordered off the job, but are still being paid their full salaries by cities and towns.

1/10/13: The I-Team found there is a nine month wait for motorists who want to appeal insurance surcharges to a special state board.

1/23/13: The I-Team reports a Weymouth sixth grader hasn't been to school in nearly three months because he is scared to face the constant teasing he has endured in school.

1/31/13: The I-Team's Joe Shortsleeve wanted to find out if the chances of being stopped varied from town to town.

2/1/13: The I-Team reports Lieutenant Governor Tim Murray is not running for Governor, but he is still trying to raise money and that money may go to his legal defense fund.

2/4/13: The I-Team investigates if there are enough safeguards in place to protect people from a bad lawyer after a woman claims her lawyer kept \$75,000 from the closing of her house.

2/5/13: The I-Team reports the number of stolen tax refunds is soaring. Joe Shortsleeve learned Massachusetts is one of the areas of greatest concern for stolen refunds due to gangs based in the Lawrence area with links to the Dominican Republic who are very active in this area.

2/7/13: The I-Team discovered millions of used cars are sold every year with unrepaired recalls. Karen Anderson uncovered hidden hazards in countless vehicles for sale across Massachusetts.

2/11/13: The I-Team reports a dating service is accused of misleading customers in Boston. The Better Business Bureau has received complaints from patrons of Date and Dash that they are not getting what they paid for.

2/13/13: While the state prepares to raise taxes and reduce government services the I-Team found a public official being paid \$90,000 a year who rarely puts in a full day at the office if she shows up at all.

2/14/13: The I-Team reports police officers are bypassing an expensive toll in Boston. Joe Shortsleeve reports the Massachusetts State Police have opened an investigation into actions by their own troopers following questions raised by the I-Team.

2/18/13: A new law requires Massachusetts schools to have a plan to keep kids safe. The I-Team found more than 100 schools without an emergency plan in place.

2/19/13: The I-Team reports The Boston Catholic Cemetery Association cut the workers' pay, but they keep paying themselves as a group more than \$200,000 a year for working only 5, 7, or 12 hours a week.

2/25/13: Documents obtained by the I-Team show state inspectors are asking that Fung Wah Bus Transportation, Inc. be called an "imminent hazard" before something bad happens.

2/25/13: The I-Team's Joe Shortsleeve reports families say a Cape Cod-based builder demanded large amounts of money up front and left them with homes that lacked basic necessities like heat and water.

2/26/13: The I-Team reports Fung Wah Bus Transportation, Inc. has found a way around a federal order to "immediately cease passenger service" by contracting outside charter buses to transport passengers back and forth from South Station to New York City.

2/26/13: The I-Team's Karen Anderson reports Undersecretary of Consumer Affairs Barbara Anthony says many local fitness clubs are not complying with the state's disclosure laws, and she wants customers to know their rights.

3/5/13: The I-Team's Joe Shortsleeve reports a wealthy Connecticut businessman who has made much of his fortune moving large amounts of tobacco products from Pennsylvania, where there is no tax, into New England where taxes are as high as 90 percent, is now under federal investigation for allegedly scamming taxpayers out of tens of millions of dollars.

3/19/13: The I-Team's Joe Shortsleeve reports the Cape Cod builder accused of scamming families was in Federal Court filing personal bankruptcy, as he is trying to save his own home from angry families who say he ruined their lives.

Healthwatch

1/1/13: Healthwatch reports people with HIV may benefit from a larger dose of the flu vaccine. The study found patients who received the high dose built up a stronger immunity to the flu.

1/2/13: Healthwatch reports a new study finds smoking can affect veins in the leg even a year after a person quits.

1/3/13: Healthwatch reports a new study shows that being slightly overweight lowers your risk of dying by six percent.

1/4/13: Healthwatch reports about four percent of American adults say they fell asleep behind the wheel at least once in the last month.

1/7/13: Healthwatch reports researchers found that estrogen suppresses an enzyme that produces fat. However, after menopause, women gain weight since the amount of estrogen in their body decreases.

1/8/13: Healthwatch reports a new study shows fewer than four in ten children get at least an hour of physical activity a day and spend less than two hours in front of a TV or computer.

1/9/13: Healthwatch reports scientists found patients with lung cancer taking beta blockers lived 22 percent longer than other cancer patients.

1/10/13: Healthwatch reports city councilors in Cambridge are pushing for a ban on sugary drinks that are larger than seven ounces.

1/11/13: Healthwatch reports green tea could reduce your risk of stroke by more than a fifth. You will need to drink at least four cups per day to see results.

1/15/13: Healthwatch reports College of American Health Care physicians are calling all doctors to get vaccinated against the flu, diphtheria, hepatitis B, measles, mumps and rubella.

1/16/13: Healthwatch reports a new government study is raising more concerns about a popular energy drink. Researchers found more people are ending up in emergency rooms after drinking them.

1/17/13: Healthwatch reports a study finds that light exposure during pregnancy is key to a baby's eye development.

1/18/13: Healthwatch reports diabetes rates in children have been skyrocketing and experts now predict a 23 percent increase in Type 1 diabetes by 2050.

1/21/13: Healthwatch reports a new study found that when lonely people are under stress they're more likely to have elevated immune responses which can lead to chronic inflammation and is linked to several diseases like arthritis, coronary heart disease and Alzheimer's.

1/23/13: Healthwatch reports a new study shows women are dying from lung cancer at much higher rates, but there is a way to reverse the damage.

1/24/13: Healthwatch reports a new strain of a stomach bug is affecting people all across the country. Experts say since September there have been more than 140 outbreaks of the new Sydney strain of norovirus across the U.S.

1/25/13: Healthwatch reports scientists found a lightning strike within 25 miles caused a headache or migraine in 25 percent of patients studied.

1/28/13: Healthwatch reports researchers found that antibacterial cleansers are much better than soap for protecting critically ill children.

1/29/13: Healthwatch reports a new study by Harvard researchers finds eating brightly colored fruits and vegetables may prevent or delay the onset of ALS also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

1/30/13: Healthwatch reports researchers discovered people who smoke more than a pack a day for more than 20 years were still strong candidates as lung donors. They looked at transplant patients and found those who received lungs from smokers had similar short and medium term survival rates as those who got lungs from a non-smoker.

1/31/13: Healthwatch reports Harvard is getting a 10 year 100 million dollar research project from the NFL to study the effect of head injuries. They will also look at other issues players have such as bone and joint problems and depression.

2/6/13: Healthwatch reports a local family is heading to Washington to plead with the FDA to approve a drug still being tested that would stop their son's muscular dystrophy from worsening.

2/7/13: Healthwatch reports how people can save money for health care by using websites that sell inexpensive prescriptions and health consumer advocacy groups.

2/11/13: Healthwatch reports Michigan researchers found a drug that reverses obesity and diabetes in mice. They are using this drug to find the same results in humans.

2/18/13: Healthwatch reports two studies found the more children watch television the more aggressive and anti-social they become. Additionally, Healthwatch reports on new research that finds a link between diabetes and the risk of a fatal heart attack.

2/19/13: Healthwatch reports women often ignore the symptoms of heart disease.

2/21/13: Healthwatch reports how an acid reflux band lodged in between the stomach and esophagus provides relief for sufferers. A medical journal found 87 percent of patients stopped taking acid-suppressing medicine after using the device.

2/23/13: Healthwatch reports a new breast cancer drug combines Herceptin with chemotherapy and another chemical to destroy cancer tumors

2/25/13: Healthwatch reports a Waltham pharmacy has voluntarily recalled Village Fertility vials of progesterone because of floating substance in medicine.

2/26/13: Healthwatch reports more younger women are diagnosed with advanced breast cancer at an earlier age.

3/13/13: Healthwatch reports a new study found the health benefits of quitting smoking outweighs the average of 6 to 13 pounds people gain after they quit smoking.

3/14/13: Healthwatch reports the FDA is investigating diabetes drugs that might lead to pancreatitis. Januvia, Victoza, Byetta, and others were investigated, but patients were advised to not stop treatment unless doctor advises them.

3/18/13: Healthwatch reports the American Cancer Society would not change screening guidelines even though research has shown that having mammograms once every two years is sufficient for most women.

3/22/13: Healthwatch reports many prostate cancer patients are using holistic medicine for treatment.

3/23/13: Healthwatch reports the CDC says that 105 children died of influenza this year.

3/24/13: Healthwatch reports a new sports bra could detect breast cancer in women up to six years before the tumor is visible.

3/25/13: Healthwatch reports a Woburn pharmacy has recalled some of its sterile compounding products.

3/26/13: Healthwatch reports Johnson & Johnson has recalled its One Touch glucose meters after some turned off and stopped alerting patients.

3/27/13: Healthwatch reports a new study in Ireland found obese pregnant women were four times as likely to develop gestational diabetes. Additionally, Healthwatch reports researchers found using allergy drops under the tongue with purified allergens were safe, but the drug is not FDA approved.

3/29/13: Healthwatch reports a new study finds no link between autism and vaccinations.

Centro

1/5/13: On this edition of “Centro”, we give you our traditional “Help for the Holidays” segment, where we feature a non-profit organization that has done a great job offering much needed services to our community all year long. Now, it’s actually our turn to make a difference, by helping them, so they can continue helping others. WBZ’s Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Jenny Efimova, from Casa Myrna Vasquez.

1/12/13: WBZ’s Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with MDPH Community Health Education Manager Omar Cabrera about what you can do to stay healthy this flu season.

1/19/13: WBZ’s Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with College Board Higher Education Vice President James Montoya about everything you should know about financial aid for college and how a website called BigFuture.org can be your best ally.

1/26/13: WBZ’s Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Jacobo Negron, President of the Massachusetts Latino Police Officers Association, a new organization whose mission is to provide a networking setting, resources, guidance, and support to its members in reaching their law enforcement career goals.

2/2/13: WBZ’s Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Lovern Gordon, President of the “Love Life Now” foundation about the “White Ribbon Day” campaign, a campaign created in 1991 to take a stand against domestic violence.

2/23/13: WBZ’s Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Eva Millona, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA), about the new national campaign launched earlier in the week to win citizenship for 11 million immigrants.

3/2/13: WBZ’s Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Marilyn Mercado, a beauty queen and model who grew up in Boston and is now part of the Spanish version of the international award winning play “The Vagina Monologues.”

3/16/13: WBZ’s Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Carlos Flor, pastor of three parishes in the areas of Jamaica Plain and Roxbury, about the election of the new leader of the Roman Catholic Church - Pope Francis.

3/23/13: WBZ’s Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Rosa Sanchez Garo about the 6th Annual Latina Women’s Conference on Friday March 29th, celebrating Women’s International Day.

3/30/13: WBZ’s Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Nestor D’Oliveira about The New England Argentine Association, a non-profit organization which was founded more than two decades ago to better serve the needs of Argentinians living in this region.

Keller At Large

1/6/13: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-8th District), Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Rep. Bill Keating (D-9th District), discussing the "fiscal cliff" crisis and the US Senate race.

1/13/13: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews John Walsh, chairman, Mass. Democratic Party, discussing the party's success in the November elections and the issues at play in the US Senate race.

1/20/13: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Boston Mayor Tom Menino, discussing his return to work after his illness, crime and education issues facing the city, and the US Senate race.

1/27/13: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews State Transportation Sec. Richard Davey, discussing the MBTA's fiscal crisis and the push for more revenue to repair the state infrastructure.

2/3/13: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Gov. Deval Patrick (D-Mass.), discussing his revenue-raising plan to pay for transportation and education needs.

2/10/13: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop), discussing his concerns about the proposed tax hikes and the state of the state economy.

2/17/13: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Shelley Murphy & Kevin Cullen, co-authors of "Whitey Bulger: America's Most Wanted Gangster and the Manhunt That Brought Him to Justice," discuss the Bulger saga and its impact on law enforcement and the broader community.

2/24/13: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Democratic strategist Alex Goldstein and State Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester), discussing the US Senate race.

3/3/13: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Boston City Councilor John Connolly (D-West Roxbury), mayoral candidate, discussing his candidacy, the need for school reform, and the city's economic future.

3/10/13: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Prof. David King, Kennedy School, on the Washington DC gridlock and the generation gap.

3/17/13: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews State Rep. Dan Winslow (R-Norfolk), discussing his candidacy for US Senate, deficit reduction, and Washington political gridlock.

3/24/13: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Gabriel Gomez, GOP candidate for US Senate, discussing federal funding for Massachusetts, social security reform, and deficit reduction.

3/31/13: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Kirsten Hughes, chairman, Mass. Republican Party, discussing the state of the party and the US Senate race.

What's in Our Community?

2/24/13: What's in Our Community highlights Spin for Boston Children's, a relay-style cycling event that helps raise money for patients at Boston Children's Hospital.

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